

## The Bee.

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## Commissioner West.

Soon after the death of John W. Ross dozens of good men were mentioned for the vacancy. Among whom was Mr. Harry L. West of the *Washington Post*. The enemies of this distinguished journalist published a report and sent letters to President Roosevelt that Mr. West had advocated lynching; that he was the cause of the Wilmington riot and other acts inimical to the negro. The negro press and the negro politician and that self constituted committee that went to Oyster Bay and urged other men, claiming to represent the colored people in this city. When in fact none had any authority to speak for the colored people and the committee less authority to speak for itself. A man must not be gate to himself, simply because he has been appointed to a job, that he is an authorized representative of the people. The BEE has maintained all along that Mr. West would be appointed if competency and qualification counted for anything. The BEE is personally acquainted with Mr. West and it knows that he was no more responsible for the Wilmington riot than the Editor of the daily *Record* who had to leave Wilmington for writing an article in defense of his people. There are some cowardly politicians whose names THE BEE will not, at this time, mention. He declared that the Editor of the *Record* was responsible for the riot. If that be so why do they now claim that Mr. West was? There is not a better friend to the negro than Mr. West, who has recently been appointed District Commissioner and the colored people, of this city, will be thoroughly convinced that they will find a good friend in him. When he went to Wilmington as correspondent of the *Post*, he telegraphed the facts as they then existed in that State and nothing more. There are hundreds of Republicans, in office, more inimical to the negro than Mr. West is and so far as THE BEE is concerned it can justly say that his appointment is satisfactory to the colored people, since a democrat had to be appointed.

## She Made Gardening Pay.

Mrs. Martha S. Hill, of Milwaukee, Wis., is fond of gardening. While digging in her back yard she found 25 bottles containing coins and paper money to the value of \$1,000. In one of the bottles was a statement written by Dr. Caspar Schuerman, long since dead, that he had thus buried \$10,000. The doctor's widow claims the money already found, and Mrs. Hill still continues gardening in that spot.

## Not on the Grand Jury.

Here is the way a Pawnee county man confessed at a revival meeting in Kansas. He had been pressed to repent, and finally got up and said: "Dear friends, I feel the spirit moving in me to talk and tell what a bad man I've been, but I can't do it while the grand jury is in session." "The Lord will forgive you," shouted the preacher. "I guess that's right," said the penitent, "but he ain't on the grand jury."

## Thought-Weighing Machine.

A thought-weighing machine has been invented by Prof. Mosso, an Italian physiologist, the rush of blood to the head turning the scale. The machine is so delicate that it can measure the difference in the exertion needed to read Greek from that required for Latin.

## Pillar of Cloud and Fire.

The "burning mountain" of Montet, in Aveyron, France, which is often mistaken for an active volcano because a pillar of cloud arises from it by day and a pillar of fire by night, is in reality a coal mine which has been burning for several years.

## CHARLES F. MURPHY.

Man Just Elected to Leadership of Tammany Hall Is a Forceful Politician.

Charles F. Murphy is one of the youngest and yet one of the best trained leaders in Tammany hall. Born on the East side 41 years ago, he worked as a car driver for several years, and then became interested in the liquor business, which he quit three years ago after he had amassed a considerable fortune.

Early in life he became interested in politics, and joined the County democracy and followed that faction into Tammany Hall. With the death

CHARLES F. MURPHY.  
(The New Leader of Tammany Hall Democracy, New York.)

of Senator "Eddie" Hagan he succeeded to the leadership of the Eighteenth district, where he has developed an organization as compact as any—even the far-famed Twenty-eighth—in the city. He never held office except in the Van Wyck administration, when he was a dock commissioner.

In appearance Mr. Murphy is youthful far below his years. His voice is mild and his manner quiet and he has a pronounced habit of never talking until he has something to say and then not telling more than he wants one to know. He was recently married and lives in unpretentious style in East Seventeenth street, facing Stuyvesant square.

The new leader might be taken for a priest at first glance. His smooth-shaven face, the high, straight collar he wears, the black necktie, the dark clothing help along the idea. But inspection shows that his face lacks something that is apparent in the faces of all priests—the expression that comes from submission. There is nothing in the face of Charles F. Murphy to indicate that he would submit to anybody. It is a fearless face, the face of a commander of men.

He has a hard gray eye and thin lips. When he smiles two funny little wrinkles form in his chin, one on each side. He has a pleasant smile, but he does not smile often. It might be said that he has two smiles—one he uses when he amuses himself and the other when somebody else amuses him. There is a difference in the smiles, but it cannot be explained on paper.

## FROM FORGE TO FORUM.

Edward G. Vail, a Cleveland blacksmith, will strive to be elected to Congress.

Edmund G. Vail, a blacksmith of Cleveland, O., and one of the prominent members of the Tom Johnson faction, will endeavor to represent

EDMUND G. VAIL.  
(Cleveland's Popular Blacksmith Candidate for Congress.)

The Twenty-first Ohio district in congress next term. He has announced himself as a candidate and will make the race. The district comprises the county of Cuyahoga and 27 wards of the city of Cleveland. He is a blacksmith employed in the shops of the American Shipbuilding company in Cleveland, but is well known for his liberal and even radical views in politics and economics. Mr. Vail many years ago was a congressional candidate on the national ticket. He has written and lectured freely in the interest of the workingmen.

The present congressman, Theodore H. Burton, was elected over Sylvester V. Macmahon, democrat, the former receiving 28,605 votes and the latter 21,947. George H. Lyttle, union reform, received 145 votes; Albert L. Talcott, prohibitionist, received 328 votes; Paul Dinger, socialist, received 344 votes, and Max Hayes, socialist democrat, received 579 votes. Vail is popular with the laboring element and is backed by Tom Johnson, the new and growing power in Cleveland politics.

## BATTLE WITH ADDER.

Rich Prize Secured by a Connecticut Snake Hunter.

When He Had the Reptile by the Tail, and Three Other Men Took Hold, It Still Put Up a Tremendous Fight.

The largest adder ever caught in Connecticut has, according to the New York Sun, been taken alive by Otto Lehmann and C. E. Potter, of East Glastonbury. It is ten feet and more in length and weighs 12 pounds.

The East Glastonbury country is very wild. Cat House Mountain, where the adder was caught, has deep ravines in which the sun never shines. As years sometimes go by without a man entering them they are a paradise for reptiles. The mountain gets its name from a little log house where trappers lived years ago when hunting wildcats. No man had entered the particular ravine where the big snake was caught in ten years.

Lehmann found the other day a skin which measured eight feet in length. It had evidently been discarded recently. Knowing that snakes with new skins are tender and sore, he thought that the time had come for capturing the reptile. So he immediately organized a party which included Tax Collector Douglas, a farmhand named Kinney Potter and himself. Along in the afternoon he spotted the snake in the scrub timber. It was just 15 feet in front of him.

About the time that Lehmann discovered the snake the adder became acquainted with Lehmann's presence. It started to run toward the rocks ahead. "I thought he was going a mile a minute," said Lehmann. He made a wild dive and grabbed the adder about six inches from the tail. The snake didn't stop, though Lehmann, who weighs 170 pounds, held on. It pulled him right



WENT THROUGH A CREVICE.

along to a stone wall and went through a crevice.

"I braced my head against a stone and got a new grip," said Lehmann, "and hollered for help. Potter is a bit deaf, but he came to my rescue."

Potter got a hold on the snake just below the head. The others of the party got a good hold, too. The adder squirmed and many times nearly got away. The four men were knocked over, but they held on. Potter kept a tight hold of the snake's head and in time had him tuckered. The fight had lasted for an hour when the snake was put in a box.

"He hissed and screeched like a skyrocket going off," said Lehmann.

"It sounded like escaping steam to me," said Tax Collector Douglas.

"We would never have got him alive in the world," says Potter, "but for the fact that his skin was tender and he couldn't stand being hurt like he could if his skin had been on a month's time."

"The snake is a fine buff color marked with black. He is remarkably strong and continually shows his resentment of confinement by hissing and spitting. All the scales of his nose are worn off by his attempts to push his head through a steel wire netting over his cage."

To make the day's sport complete the party brought in three rattlesnakes. One had nine rattles, another 11 and the largest 12. These snakes were four and five feet long. Lehmann is an old snake hunter. He has captured 200 rattlers in the last four or five years, and all of them were taken on Cat House Mountain. Notwithstanding the great number he has captured Lehmann believes the country is over-run with them yet. "They multiply very fast," he says. "I captured a rattler recently that had 25 young ones."

"It is a common belief that snakes shed their skins once a year," added Lehmann, "but they shed them oftener than that. This discarding of the old skin always follows a hearty meal. Let a snake eat a rabbit, as they will, or a chicken, and they take them into their system with one bite, and immediately afterward they shed a skin. I've killed rattlers and opened them up and found a whole squirrel. I've tried to fathom it out how they could take so large a food morsel at once, but they can."

Several zoological societies have made offers for the big adder, as it is believed to be the finest specimen in captivity.

## Mosquitoes Like Dark Blue.

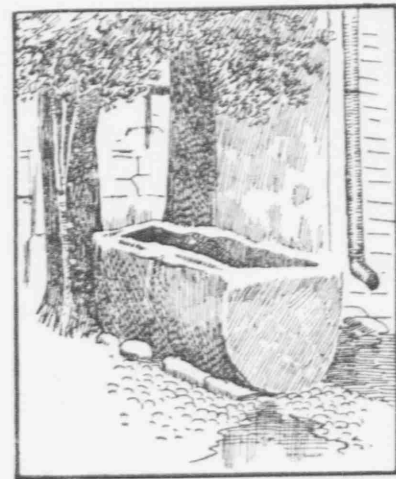
Mosquitoes are attracted and repelled by some colors more than by others, in the following order: Sea-blue, dark red, brown, red, black, grey, dark green, violet, light blue, pearl grey, pale green, white, orange, and yellow. Dark blue possesses for them the strongest attraction, and yellow the least.

## WASHINGTON'S TROUGH.

Picturesque Basin Where the Leader of the Revolution Often Watered His Horses.

The famous old stone basin from which Washington watered his horses in revolutionary days is no longer used as a pump trough. It has been removed from the obscurity of the old frame pumphouse adjoining the Bartram mansion (where for nearly a century it collected the waters from the cooling springs of the old well) and has been given a position of honor just outside of the historic mansion.

At first glance it seems to have been placed thus in order to serve as a huge stone cistern to collect

TROUGH WITH A HISTORY.  
(George Washington Frequently Watered His Horse at It.)

the rain water from the projecting eaves, but closer inspection shows that the rain spout is turned away from it, and it is not intended to serve any practical purpose, but is simply preserved as a treasure relic. In giving it a position of honor, where it will attract the attention of the visitor soon after entering the famous gardens, the place has been carefully chosen. For although it had been taken from the old well which, perhaps, seemed a more appropriate place for it, where it stood when Washington's horses drank from it, it has been placed near the famous "Washington arbor" on the river front of the Bartram house. Only a few yards away in the long ago there stood the Washington arbor, overlooking the shining stretch of Schuylkill.

Close by this mammoth stone basin or trough, on the lawn on the river front of the house, are two noble boxwood trees sent from Smyrna, Turkey, to Mr. Bartram by the earl of Bute, over 160 years ago. Appropriate surroundings these for the historic old stone trough, says the Philadelphia Record.

## STATUES FOR CHICAGO.

Replica of French's "Washington" and Statue of McKinley Soon to Be Erected.

A replica of the heroic equestrian statue of Washington, designed by Daniel C. French, the Boston sculptor, and erected at a cost of \$48,000 in Paris by the Daughters of the Revolution, will be set up in Washington park, Chicago. The duplicate of the famous original will cost \$26,000. Of this sum \$15,000 has been contributed by Chicago men of wealth who wish their names withheld, and has been placed in the hands of Henry C. Foreman, of the South Park board. At a meeting of the South Park commissioners the board decided to raise the remaining

STATE OF WASHINGTON.  
(To Be Erected at Once in Washington Park, Chicago.)

\$11,000. Commissioners Foreman and Best were appointed a committee to attend to the selection of a site in the park and to arrange for the construction of a foundation and pedestal. The statue will stand nearly 40 feet in height. It will be cast in bronze. French is considered one of the greatest of living plastic artists. He designed the "Statue of the Republic" at the world's fair. Among his other noted creations in bronze and marble are "The Minute Man of Concord" at Concord, a statue of Gen. Cass in the capitol at Washington, a statue of Rufus Choate in the Boston court house, a statue of John Harvard at Cambridge, Mass., and "Dr. Gallaudet and His First Deaf-Mute Pupil." President Crilly gave his personal guarantee to raise enough money for the casting of a statue of President McKinley, to be erected in McKinley park, and the board decided to contribute as much as \$11,000 for the base and pedestal. President Crilly and Commissioners Hodgkin and Walton were appointed to obtain designs for the McKinley statue and estimates of its cost.

## WHITE HOUSE CHINA.

Entirely New Dinner Set Selected by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Great Seal of the United States to Be Its Distinctive Design—Pattern Itself Is of the So-Called Colonial Style.

When Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt retires as the mistress of the white house she will leave a souvenir which will endear her to future president's wives.

With the change in the interior decorations and arrangements of the white house there will also be a new set of china and glassware which will be the envy of every housewife in the country. It is doubtful if there is another set as handsome in use in the United States. The price to be paid for this porcelain service is not divulged, but it is said it will be about \$30,000 for the 800 or more pieces.

When Mrs. Roosevelt began her duties in the white house she found that the china for state occasions and large receptions had been in use since 1880, having been selected by Mrs. Hayes. The first social function given by Mrs. Roosevelt showed that the service was entirely inadequate. This service is very handsome, and cost \$25,000, but time and servants have left their marks upon it. It was designed by Theodore R. Davis, and the decorations were American fauna and flora. It was manufactured by Haviland & Co., of France. The designs were made in water color, and although in nearly every instance they were bold and striking, they were difficult to reproduce upon porcelain with hard mineral colors. To successfully accomplish this it was necessary to invent new methods and have recourse to peculiar mechanical appliances.

Mrs. Roosevelt sent nearly a year ago for Charles M. Van Heusen, of

MRS. THEODORE ROOSEVELT.  
(Mistress of White House Who Has Just Ordered New Set of China.)

Albany, and commissioned him to visit the noted factories with the idea of submitting a collection of china and glass for her inspection. President Roosevelt was very much interested in the matter and took part in the discussions relative to what should be selected. It was decided that the great seal of the United States, which is so rarely seen now that few are acquainted with it, should be enameled on the service. Then the hunt for samples commenced.

After several months of searching Mr. Van Heusen submitted to President and Mrs. Roosevelt 78 different and exclusive designs. They ranged in price from \$18,000 to \$50,000. Noted decorators of china had been at work for months, and possibly never before has there been such a beautiful collection of original designs in ceramic art presented to the consideration of any one with a similar idea in view. It seemed as if any taste could be gratified. Deep rich reds, beautiful blues and yellows, rose du Barrys and the different shades of green of the very simplest treatments that can be imagined were submitted.

It was a hard matter to arrive at a selection, but Mrs. Roosevelt was determined that the design should be simple and not at all gaudy. Assisted by her husband, Mrs. Roosevelt finally selected for the white house service a simple Colonial pattern in gold, with the obverse of the great seal of the United States enameled in color as the decorative feature. It was made by Wedgwood. This design will be exclusively for the white house and copyrighted.

That there might be no flaw in the service Mrs. Roosevelt declared the manufacturers should take all the time they needed to have a perfect set. It is expected the service will be ready for use at one of the January functions in the white house.

The white house service will consist of 15 dozen plates, 10 dozen tea plates, 5 dozen soup plates, 8 dozen after dinner coffee cups and saucers, 10 dozen teaspoons and saucers, 10 dozen oyster plates, 10 dozen fish plates and 24 platters.

The glassware is also strikingly beautiful. It consists of 144 pieces. The goblets are very thin and so fragile that the slightest pressure would break one.

King Edward has just placed an order for a china set to cost \$90,000, and another set which is only a few thousand dollars cheaper. Russia has the finest china sets in the world, the czar having one for which he paid \$250,000.

## A Remarkable Personage.

In a village in Gloucestershire, England, there is an old woman who has been a letter carrier for 60 years.

## TOY SINGS RAGTIME.

Coney Island Has a Chinaman Who Has Ventured into the Field of American Song.

Did you ever hear of a Chinaman who sang ragtime?

There is only one on record up to date. John Chinaman usually has had enough time learning to speak a few English words, and is very well satisfied if he can pass you a comment on the weather over his laundry counter, and tell you how much you owe him, without venturing into the field of American song.

Top Toy, who runs the Chinese chop suey stand in Cheyenne Joe's Wild



SINGS FOR HOURS.

West tavern at Coney Island, has become more ambitious than the rest of his countrymen, says the New York World, and by persistent effort has mastered, to a degree, the difficulties of the ordinary "coon" song and won the reputation of being the only Chinaman ragtime singer in the world.

Top Toy has not yet reached perfection in his new line; he still persists in adding his "reel" to every other word, and substituting "I for r" and "a for v," but it is a case of "don't shoot the musician, he's doing the best he can," and Top's ragtime is rendered the more interesting and amusing because of his combination of Chinese and negro dialects.

Top is primarily a chop suey cook and an expert in his line. He lays claim to no distinction as a singer, and modestly refuses to appear in public. But when the crowd is gone and Top is left in the company of a few friends, he will sing for hours, and it is worth a good price of admission to hear him.

"Please Go Way and Let Me Sleep," "Josephine, My Joe," "My Girl Is a High-Born Lady," "Ain't Dat a Shame," and "Mr. Bailey's Won't You Please Come Home," are Top's favorites, and the way he labors through them would bring a laugh from the Sphinx.

Top Toy is about 27 years old, and has been in this country a number of years.

## QUEER HIDING PLACE.

Runaway Dwarf Monkey Secreted Himself in Old Trousers' Pocket for Two Weeks.

"Tony," the dwarf monkey of the Philadelphia zoo, and the special pet of its keeper, Murray, was found the other morning in the pocket of an old pair of trousers, where it had been hiding for two weeks.

When Tony disappeared a search was made high and low, and everything in the mammal house was turned upside down, but all to no good. It was then



IT WAS TONY.

accepted that Tony had escaped, and Murray's only consolation was the hope that he would get homesick and return voluntarily.

While the keeper was under a strain of anxiety for his pet everything in the mammal house seemed to go wrong. Bananas were stolen, rabbits disappeared, and bottles fell over at night, and were found broken in the morning. Tony's ghost seemed to haunt the place at night hours.

Keeper Murray started on an investigation of the nightly thefts. Every nook and corner was searched, and at last Murray thrust his hand into his clothes locker to satisfy himself that nobody was hiding therein. One by one every garment was taken out and shaken. In handling an old pair of trousers Murray saw something lurking in the pocket. Putting his hand in the keeper felt something soft and warm. It was Tony sound asleep after his adventure.

## A Wonderful Combination.

A church committee in Philadelphia advertised for a person to take charge of the choir and play the organ. Among the replies was the following: "Gentlemen: I noticed your advertisement for an organist and music teacher, either lady or gentleman. Having been both for several years I offer you my services."